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Dear Parents/Carers

### **How it goes when it snows.....**

It looks as if we are in for some wintery weather! We will always endeavour to keep the school open; however, we must take account of a wide variety of factors to ensure the safety of children and staff. These can vary from school to school and can change on a day to day basis: it is inconvenient for all of us. ***Please do not assume the school is closed as this may incur an unauthorised absence for your child.***

### **How do I know if school is open?**

**Parentmail** For those of you that have subscribed to our Parentmail system you will be informed by text and email as soon as a decision is made. Please make sure you have registered your up to date email and mobile number. This is a free service and is very helpful at time such as this or, for example, notifying you if a school trip is late and other administrative matters. If you would like to subscribe to our Parentmail system then please notify the office.

**MK Council** You can register your mobile number and school name on the Milton Keynes Council website which will then mean you will receive a text informing you if the school is closed. Please register at <http://www.mkschoolclosures.org> The school is responsible for updating this each day if the school is closed. Each day, schools that are closed are broadcast on Heart 103.3 and Three Counties Radio.

**Bushfield Website** We will post any closures on our website [www.bushfieldschool.net](http://www.bushfieldschool.net)

Our hot dinners are provided by the Radcliffe School; consequently, if they are closed and we are open it is very helpful if children can come with packed lunches as we have limited facilities to prepare food. Also, please note that if we open in snowy weather it is highly likely that we will cancel after school activities. Please also ensure that children come to school in suitable footwear, warm coats, hats and gloves as the children will be allowed out to play and enjoy the snow at some point during the day.

We hope that the snow does not cause any disruption but hope you find this information helpful. Of course if you have any questions or worries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

With best wishes

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